

**Glen Ellyn School District 41**

Dr. Jack Barshinger, Superintendent

MINUTES**Board of Education Special Meeting****February 7, 2005 – 6:30 p.m.****District 41 Central Services Office -Mary J. Luginbill Board Room**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call: Vice President, Willie DiFabio called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. Present were:

Board members: DiFabio, Hoffman, Marcheschi, Snodell and Vivoda.
Board members McElvain and Ruckstaetter were absent.

District 41 Staff: Superintendent, Jack Barshinger, Assistant Business Manager, Phyllis Hanna, Director of Communications, Julie Worthen, Assistant Superintendent for TLA, John Correll, Director of Human Resources, Marilyn Ludolph, Director of Continuous Improvement, Dinah Bryant, Recording Secretary, Maureen Stecker.

Board Candidates: John Snyder, Terra Howard, Kevin Cosgrove and John Kenwood and John Vivoda. Board candidate John Ruckstaetter was absent.

- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Participation: There was no public participation.
- V. Candidates Workshop:
- A. Board member DiFabio began the workshop presentation with a summary of the workshop objectives via PowerPoint presentation. Highlights of his presentation included:
- Board Role and Responsibilities: Mr. DiFabio recommended that board candidates review Section II of the School Board Policy Manual, which outlines the roles and responsibilities of school board members. Specifically, he reviewed
 - School Board Governance (Policy #2:20)
 - Board-Superintendent Relationships (Policy #2:130)
 - School Board Meetings (Policy #2:220)
 - Board Code of Conduct (Policy #2:80-E)

- The District's direction regarding Continuous Improvement, Curriculum and Finances
- Understanding what candidates can do to prepare for becoming board members and how the Administration can help.

A question and answer period followed Mr. DiFabio's presentation.

B. Continuous Improvement: Dinah Bryant, Director of Continuous Improvement, gave a presentation on the District's Continuous Model. Highlights of her presentation included:

- Continuous Improvement Core Values (Attachment)
- District 41 Leadership Core Values (Attachment)
- Strategic Focus (Attachment)
- D41 Score Card (Attachment)
- District 41 Teams for Excellence (Teams Create Synergies & Results)
 - Continuous Improvement Team
 - Building Leadership Teams
 - Learning Leadership Team
 - Professional Development Team

A question and answer period followed Mrs. Bryant's presentation.

A. Curriculum: John Correll, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning & Accountability, gave a presentation on District 41 curriculum and its relationship to student academic performance. Highlights of his presentation included:

- District 41's Learning Target and What's Important
- Assessment Methods & Data (Attachment)
- District 41 Learning Leadership Team Model and Curriculum Committee Work (Attachment)

A question and answer period followed Dr. Correll's presentation.

C. Finance and School Funding: Phyllis Hanna, Assistant Business Manager, gave an overview of District 41 finances for fiscal year 2004-2005. Highlights included:

- Local, State and Federal Revenue for Fiscal Year 2005 (Attached)
- Expenditure by Object for Fiscal Year 2005 (Attached)
- Budget Calendar and Process (Attached)

In summary, Dr. Barshinger referenced the D41 "Big Arrow" and re-emphasized the District's efforts to align its continuous improvement efforts as presented earlier by Mrs. Bryant. (Attached)

Following the presentations, Mr. DiFabio opened the floor to comments and/or questions from board candidates. Candidates felt that it was a good workshop and were pleased with the presentations. They recognized the professionalism of Board and staff and their positive impact on the community over the past few years. While there is still much work ahead, a good foundation has been laid to create a collaborative environment among all stakeholders in order to provide the best education for our kids. Dr. Barshinger and Board members encouraged candidates to contact the District Office with any questions.

- VI. Adjournment: Mr. Snodell moved and Mr. Marcheschi seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Recorded: February 7, 2005

Deborah M. Hoffman, Secretary

Approved: February 28, 2005

John J. Vivoda, *President*